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SUBJ: WITH ANDREI HERE CAN CEAUSESCU BE FAR BEHIND

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1. YUGOSLAV PRESS AUG 31 REPORTED DEPARTURE OF ROMANIAN PARTY SECRETARY STEFAN ANDRI AFTER SHORT "WORKING VISIT" TO YUGOSLAVIA, DURING WHICH HE MET WITH LCY SECRETARY STANE DOLANC. AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED, DOLANC BRIEFED ANDREI ON COLOMBO NAC RESULTS. HERE ON THE INVITATION OF THE LCY PRESIDIU, ANDREI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ROMANIAN CP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION MEMBER VASILE SANDRU. BOTH WERE SEEN OFF BY LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER ALI SUKRIJA.

2. TANJUG SEP 2 IN ITS WORLD PRESS SUMMARY FOR YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP CARRIES SEVERAL PIECES ON A CEAUSESCU
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VISIT: ROME'S "LA REPPUBLICA" REPORTED AUG 31 THAT

"FORTHCOMING TITO-CEAUSESCU MEETING 'WHICH WILL SURELY TAKE PLACE' APPEARS TO BE 'NECESSARY AND URGENT TO ELIMINATE YUGOSLAV UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE SOVIET UNION.'; AND PARIS' 'FIGARO' ON SEP 1 STATED THAT GOY IS TRYING TO 'CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE' FOR BELGRADE 1977 CSCE CONFERENCE. FIGARO CONTINUED THAT IN SEPTEMBER TITO 'WILL RECEIVE' CEAUSESCU (AS WELL AS GISCARD), AND 'BREZHNEV IS EXPECTED IN YUGOSLAVIA TOWARDS END OF OCTOBER'. ADDS THAT TITO LIKELY TO VISIT 'PRAGUE BEFORE END OF YEAR."

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID ONLY THAT CEAUSESCU VISIT COULD BE EXPECTED BY END OF YEAR. ROMANIAN EMBOFF SAID ESSENTIALLY SAME TO ACTING POLCOUNS, DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF CONNECTION BETWEEN ANDREI AND POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU VISIT. REMARKED THAT DOLANC AND ANDREI KNOW EACH OTHER WELL AND OFTEN CONDUCT BUSINESS DIRECTLY WITHOUT USING EMBASSIES AS INTERMEDIARIES. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "WE MUST BE READY FOR ANYTHING".

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT DOLANC WAS VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR CEAUSESCU'S ABORTIVE TRIP LAST YEAR. ANDREI VISIT AND ROMANIAN EMBOFF COMMENT SUGGEST THAT TIMING MENTIONED IN REFTTEL PROBABLY CLOSE TO MARK. SILBERMAN

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